THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1909 Fair and colder to-day; brisk to high westerly

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GETS 12 MONTHS ON THE ISLAND ON PLEA OF GUILTY.

"Further Perjury Saved," Says the Judge. and Jerome Describes the Surprising of Alleged Secrets of the Defence Prisoner Signs Papers for His Wife.

(arl Fischer-Hansen, the attorney who has been on trial in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court on charges of bribing a witness against him at a former trial, pleaded guilty yesterday to attempted bribery and was sentenced by in the penitentiary. Before the plea was put in he signed before a notary ome papers in which counsel for Isaac T. Brokaw, his father-in-law, was inprested, and which it was learned related to family affairs.

The abrupt and unlooked for ending of rumors. One was based on the resaved." District Attorney Jerome re- Michaelson. used to say whether or not an attempt to manufacture evidence had been unevered. He did say that the defence He Will Address the Albany County Rehad suddenly found the ground cut out from under it.

When the trial adjourned on Tuesday ight Mr. Baldwin, Fischer-Hansen's att rney, was engaged in a wrangle with the District Attorney over the admorning after half an hour's private talk with Mr. Jercme and Mr. Baldwin White and William Barnes. Jr. ecause of information which had reached Raines and other legislative leaders at hm he would adjourn the proceedings the Capitol and afterward had a long until 2 o'clock. He had another long conference with the attorneys, Fischer-Hansen, his partner, Alexander Michaelon, who was jointly indicted with him, and several of the most important witesses who have appeared. At 2 c'cl ck he announced that there

ould be a further adjournment until 5. "Do not think that I am wasting your time," he said to the jury. "What is now in progress may have the effect of maerially shortening and simplifying your

After that no one doubted that Fischer Hansen was about to offer to plead guilty. and the chief interest centred on the erms which it was understood he was attempting to make. He was again taken o Justice Dowling's chambers and this ime he was in consultation with George Gordon Battle, his personal attorney, and with Arson M. Beard of 5 Nassau street, attorney for Isaac V. Brokaw Mr. Pattle made several journeys to Mr. Jerome s office on the third floor, but refused to disclose the character of the pegotiations. After Mr. Beard had had long talk with Fischer-Hapsen ent up to Mr. Jerome's office for Charles Gould. Mr. Jerome's confidential man, who is also a notary public. Mr. Gould carried his seal to the chambers was going on and remained there

some time. It was said later both by Justice Dowling and Mr. Jerome that the second adjournment was taken in order that Fischer-Hansen might arrange enain private matters before pleading. was understood that he had signed enain papers which would help to free the Brokaw family from further connection with him. District Attorney Jerome would only say that so far as he knew the Brokaw family had held no communication with the Court, either direct or indirect, and that the postponement was taken in order that Fischer-Hansen might settle his private business. Mr. Beard said that the papers related to family afairs and that the family hoped that the prisoner would seek another clime after he has served his sentence. The papers had no relation to his plea or the

sentence under it. At 5 o'clock Fischer-Hansen again entered the court room and sat down with Mr. Battle and Mr. Baldwin. The latter at once addressed the Court, say ing, "I an directed b Carl Fischer Hansen, the defendant, to withdraw his plea of not guilty under this indictment and to enter a plea of attempt to commit the crime therein caarged. In so doing am asked to state that this in no way implicates the codefendant Alexande Michaelson, who is innocent. I move that sentence be pronounced at once."

Fischer-Hansen was called to the bar and after he had affirmed his plea of fullty and had answered the usual quesions Justice Dowling said

It is not my purpose to say anything add to the plight in which this attorney ands himself. It is a sad spectacle in deed to see a career end with a plea of this kind. In this case too there has been another victim, the unfortunate witness lesow, whose life has been ruined.

'Having in mind that as a consequen this plea further perjury has been aved in this case and that the defendant ill be disbarred and lose his means of velihood I am not inclined to inflict the severest sentence. Neither am I actined to suspend sentence, as has been wked, nor do I feel that this case is one that justifies a suspension of sentence The defendant has been given a chance w arrange his affairs before pleading. and I order that the execution of the sentence be stayed one week to give him ample time to finish this work. The entence of the court is imprisonment for twelve months in the penitentiary. If Fischer-Hansen had been found fullty of the crime charged in his indictment he would have faced a maximum sentence of seven years in State prison.

The maximum penalty for the crime to which he pleaded guilty is three years and a half. Mr. Jerome gave out the following statement:

Early last week I received an anonyme forn a man in a Southern town who sid that he had important knowledge of ischer-Hansen's proposed defence. It like one of the usual offers which ce is accustomed to receive when a case is on trial which attracts public at-But as Assistant District Attorney in Washington over the Washingrthday holiday it was decided to matter. The letter contained Last night Mr. Howe returned

FISCHER-HANSEN CONFESSES man who had written the letter and had imparted to Mr. Howe information of great value in regard to Fischer-Hansen's proposed defence.
This man reached here early this morn-

ing. By my instructions he at once comnunicated to Fischer-Hansen's partner Michaelson, the fact that he was in town and was with me; also certain other matters which I don't care to mention. Before court opened I met Mr. Baldwin Fischer-Hansen's counsel. We talked the

situation over, with the result that the proposition to plead guilty to an attempt commit the crime of bribery was made This proposition was placed before the Court and approved. The plea was made subsequently in open court.

Mr. Jerome refused to say whethe or not perjury had been committed or contemplated in Fischer-Hansen's de-Justice Dowling to serve twelve months fence. He said that he was not then certain whether or not an arrest might follow in connection with the revelations made the man from the South and that he had kept back certain very interesting details as to why this man made the revela tions because it was necessary to safeguard the interests of the State. He inferred that Mr. Baldwin was unaware of the trial was accompanied by all kinds of the facts leading to the plea unless he was informed by Michaelson early in the morning. In accepting Fischermark of Justice Dowling in pronouncing Hansen's plea no stipulation direct o sentence that "further perjury has been indirect had been made in regard to just the man to fill the bill, and they kept

ELIHU ROOT IN ALBANY.

publican Organization To-night. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Senator elect Elihu Root reached Albany from his sojourn at Hot Springs late this afternoon. To-morrow night he will deliver the principal speech at the annual dinner of the Albany County Republican organimission of certain evidence. Yesterday zition. The other speakers will be Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, who arrived here to-night; Lieut,-Gov. Horace ustice Dowling told the jurces that afternoon Mr. Root had talks with Senator

> talk with Gov. Hughes at the Executive Chamber Gov. Hughes invited Mr. Root to be his guest at the Executive Mansion, but Mr. Root said he already had made plans to stay at the Hotel Ten Eyck. To-night Mr. Root had talks with a number of members of the Legislature at the hotel. He was entertained at dinner by Judge Willerd Bartlett of the Court of Appeals. Mr. Root will be entertained at nuncheop to-morrow by Lieut -Gov. and Mrs. Horace White at their Albany residence

AUSTRIANS BEATEN TO DEATH. Were Taken for Spies in Montenegrin Capital and Attacked by Mob.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 25.-The Vienna of respondent of the Caronice says that two Austrians, while walking on the street at Cettinje. Montenegro, were attacked by a mob and cudgelled to death on the pretext that they were Austrian

The murderers cut off their ears and noses and displayed them triumphantly.

HIGHEST DINCING FLOOR. A Feature of the Opening in June re Bridge.

A plan for turning the upper section mense dancing pavi ion during the week of celebrating the public opening of that structure was announced vesterday by Dr. Frissell visited the Taft house merely the committee having the celebration in charge.

It is proposed to lay a dancing floor over the top of the main thoroughfare The floor is to be as wide as the structure and is to run along the span a distance of 1.182 feet. A canvas shelter will be for the dancers. Three bands will be stationed in the tower on the Manhatta side of Blackwell's Island and three bands in the tower on the Queens side. The General in the Taft Cabinet, and later says:

The dancing programme for the carnival week is set forth as follows: June 12, fancy dress ball; June 14, barn dance; June 15, confetti dance; June 16, clubs and ocieties; June 17. masquerade; June 18, handsomest woman, the hest dancer, the most striking costume and other features

PLAY (ENSORSHIP IN LONDON. Harmless Skit on the "Englishman" Home" Barred From the Stage.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 24.-The Censor of Playe has forbidden the production at the Apollo Theatre of a burlesque of Du Maurier's play, "An Englishman's Home. The buriesque was intended as an item in a variety entertainment and would have occupied eight minutes. The humor turned on the big alien population in London and other large cities in England.

In the burlesque the commander of the invaders bursting into the Englishman's home finds that the tenant is his long lost uncle. After mutual expressions of surprise the uncle asks what the invading force has come for. nephew replies: "To take England."

Thereupon the uncle says: "You are We have taken England long too late.

The lessee of the Apollo Theatre says he cannot imagine the objection to the burlesque. It neither ridicules patriotic Englishmen nor offends any foreign Power. The censor gives no reason for his suppression of the buriesque.

TO END NEVADA GAMBLING Bill Abelishing Public Betting Will Be

Carson, Nev., Feb. 24.—The gambling bill passed the Assembly gambling bill passed the Assembly to-day by 27 to 19. It goes into effect January i next. It is a sweeping measure which will not only prevent racetrack pool selling but will put an end to all forms of public gambling like poker, faro, roulette, oraps, &c., that give life to saloons in Goldfield and Tonapah.

The bill is sure to pass the Senate.

No More Light Buoys for Ambrese Char

nel. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- On a point o order raised by Mr. Mann of Illine order raised by Mr. Mann of Illinois the item of \$55,000 for additional light buoys on Ambrose channel, New York Bay, went out of the sundry civil bill. Mr. Mann contended that such appropriations came within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and these buoys had not been extracted by that committee. authorized by that committee.

are made at the Farm, in Southboro, Mass, success is owing to the choice materials a neaness and cleaniness of the proparation

MAC VEAGH FOR THE TREAS-URY THE TIP YESTERDAY.

But No Name Is Announced Vet-Conferto Come Around After March 4 to Discuss Patronage in This State.

Mr Taft has chosen a man for the Treasury portfolio, the one post that remained open in his Cabinet Circumstances would not permit the Presidentelect vesterday to make the name of the Secretary public, but it is likely that some informal announcement will be made to-day

There were plenty of rumors yesterday that the post was to go to a New York man. Wall Street had it figured out that Mr. Taft had come to this city for the purpose of selecting a New Yorker. As a matter of fact some New York folks were so firmly imbued with this idea that they offered to help Mr. Taft with suggestions Half a dozen or more each had the Henry W. Taft telephone warm.

The new Secretary, however, is not New York man It is understood that he comes from a Western State Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago seems to be the most likely selection He is a brother of Wayne MacVeagh, who was Attorney-General in Garfield's Cabinet and served as Minister to Italy under Grover Cleveland Franklin MacVeagh is head of one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in this country, having gone into business after practising law for several years. Mr. Taft has wanted a lawyer with large usiness experience for the post. Mr. MacVeagh has also been closely related as director or trustee with several large financial and commercial establishments in Chicago

The Treasury portfolio question was settled yesterday morning at a conference between Judge Taft and National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, who is to be Postmaster-General in the Taft Cabinet. Mr. Hitchcock had been called from Washington by the President-elect. Later in the afternoon the national chair man had another conference with Mr. Taft, and it was apparent that the post had been filled.

The President-elect attended the funeral of Douglas Robinson's son in the morning and spent the rest of the day receiving visitors at the Henry W. Taft house in West Forty-eighth street.

Among others who called were Joseph H. Choate, Booker T. Washington, Robert Ogden, H. B. Frissell, Republican State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, James State Chairman Woodruff called to language.

bring up the question of Federal appointat the White House after the inaugura- posed Fourth Assistant Secretary tion was out of the way.

Mr. Choate called to introduce a lawyer the President-elect.

Booker T. Washington, Mr. Ogden and Institute at the Carnegie Hall meeting.

Mr. Sheffield arranged with the Presicity on March 19. This is the first trip as President.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft dined at the home oridge will be illuminated from end to with Mr. and Mrs. Wickersham and ouvenir ball; June 19, roller skating car- was halted while everybody stood up. that everybody knew that a fat man was going to make a good President the

audience cheered again. When it was reported that Judge Taft man, whose son was appointed private secretary by Collector Fowler two months ago, while friendly to Mr. Loeb believed that a mistake would be made if Collect tor Fowler was retired. Judge Taft, it was stated yesterday, did not care to discuss this matter with Mr. Sherman, and then Collector Fowler's cause was taken up by ex-Representative Lucius N. Littauer. Mr. Littauer, it seems, had an engagement several days ago in Washington to talk with Judge Taft concerning the Collectorship, but happening at the White House that morning he stumbled upon a conference between President Roosevelt, Judge Taft and Mr. Loeb Judge Taft at that conference, it was stated yesterday, declared that he intended to make a change in the Collec-

torship in New York city as quickly as possible after March 4. When Mr. Littauer heard this, accord ing to Mr. Woodruff's friends last evening, he did not deem it advisable to keep his engagement wth the Presidentelect in the afternoon. Collector Fowler's commission extends for three years more, but be can be asked for his resignation and should he fail to give it Presient Taft can send the name of Mr. Loeb to the Senate and confirmation by that body would make Mr. Loeb Collector. Mr. Woodruff has also broached to Judge Taft the proposed appointment of George W. Aldridge of Rochester to be Surveyor of the Port in place of James S. Clarkson It is stated that Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Ward. Mr. Barnes and others in control of the Republican State organization desire to give Gen. Clarkson's place to Mr. Aldridge. Some of the most influential Republican United States Senators and other veteran Republicans who have been through the national campaigns of the party for a quarter of a century object to the displacement of Gen. Clarkson. They do not look with equanimity upon the retirement of Collector Fowle in favor of Mr. Loeb, but they do not feel

called upon to begin to oppose President

Taft at the outset of his administration.

WOMEN FOOTPADS IN IT. Miss Louise Holcomb's Story of a Holdu

on Sixth Avenue

Miss Louise Holcomb, a teacher of vocal nusic having a studio at 16 West Twentyecond street, visited the new West Twentieth street station with her maid last ence With Hitchcock-Woodruff Told night to tell a story of a holdup on Sixth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty fourth streets She said that at about 9 clock she was walking south on Sixth venue and about midway in a block a man and two women approached and laid hold of her.

"Where's that fur coat of yours?" said the man. He caught her by the throat. The two women took her by the shoulders and before she was able to release herself she felt them seize her pocketbook. Then the three disappeared around the corner into Twenty-fourth street

"Why didn't you scream?" asked Lieut Shields, who was on the desk. "That's a pretty busy part of town at 9 o'clock at night. And it's well lighted too. There's a moving picture show just about where you say you were held up."

didn't I scream?" repeated Miss "I was so surprised Holcomb

couldn't." She explained that she thought he assailants had been looking for an opportunity to hold her up for some time. said that she usually wears a fur coat and that they knew it and would have taken that too if they had had the chance

Last night she was wearing a raincoat In the purse that was stolen she was carrying two small purses. One of them, she said, contained \$25 in cash and the other a draft for \$135 which she had rereived yesterday from her brother in hicago

Lieut. Shields put detectives on the cas

louse Insists on "Vice" After Mr. Fitz-

serald Consults the Dictionary. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Representative Fitzgerald of New York had fun yesterday with the purists of the Senate, whom he charged with carelessness in the use of the English language There was under consideration the Senate proposition to auhorize the appointment of an Under Secetary of State The House conferees on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill had recommended that it agree to the amendment, with a change of the title to Vice-Secretary and a redu tion of the salary from \$10,000 to \$7,500.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he had found by consulting the dictionary, which he commended to members, that Vice-Secretary was much to be preferred to Under Secretary. The former meant one who stands for another, while "under" was described to be the lower man or the one worsted in a conflict. "Far be it from me to suggest that the Senate meant that the Under Secretary was the man to be worsted in a diplomatic struggle, but it grieves me to R. Sheffield and Charles P. Taft, the President-elect's brother from Cincinnati.

The House refused to recede from its ments in New York State, but Mr. Taft disagreement to the amendment, 89 to 134. ducked and told Tim to drop around The same action was had as to the pro-State.

Atlanta Paster Arranges to Give Servant in the House,"

to offer their thanks for what the Presi- churches in this city, the Universalist, immediately follow dent-elect had done for Hampton is making preparations on a large scato have its own theatre, plays and actors The movement was originated by the dent-elect for his attendance at the an- pastor, the Rev. E. Dean Ellenwood. nual dinner of the Yale alumni in this The first play to be produced is the famous "Servant in the House." The lower provided and six bands will make music Mr. Taft will make from Washington floor of the church is being rapidly converted into a stage, with footlights, scenery, curtain and other properties. The Rev of George W. Wickersham, the Attorney- Mr. Ellenwood, regarding the project

"Contrary to recent pulpit utterances John G Milburn went to the Bijou Theatre the theatre has had among all civilizawhere they saw Thomas A. Wise in "A tions a distinctly religious origin, and is Gentleman from Mississippi." Mr. Taft to-day capable of great moral good was recognized by the audience as he came In England the first plays were conducted in and a cheer started up. The orchestra by the Church specifically for the purpose let loose with "America" and the play of illustrating scriptural teaching and of illustrating scriptural teaching and you gave what you now admit. of quickening the popular conscience. nival. Prizes are to be offered for the In the third act when Douglas Fairbanks They were called morality plays, and still before I certify this record to the Appel- all through, but in endeavoring to circle interpolated a line in his part to the effect survive in such impressive dramas as late Division, meantime giving the Judge for the second time he found himself 'E veryman.

productions have harm in them, but it and you will please say to Judge Hatch in a day or two. When the aerodrome had agreed to make Mr. Roosevelt's is equally true that present day religious upon his return that it is desirable that reached the ice it skidded, breaking a private secretary, Mr. Loeb, Collector exercises have harm in them. I should of the Port of New York it turned out not, for that reason, wish to abolish religion may be disposed of." that Vice-President-elect James S. Sher- or the Church, nor should I wish for that reason to wipe out the theatre."

HAD POISON IN HI BEARD. As He Ate It Fell on His Food and He Fell Over Unconscious-Pumped Out.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.-W. C. Deutz of 269 South Fourth street on Monday was the proud possessor of a beard which was the admiration and the envy of a large circle of fellow employees of the Mulford hemical Company. \ To-day it is no more.

This morning while Mr Deutz was weighing bichloride of mercury his beard came in contact with the deadly poison and many grains were secreted in it. Shortly afterward the whistle for the dinner hour blew and, being more hungry than discreet, the chemist went to lunch without preparing the facial appendage for

the event, as was usually his wont At the table as Deutz ate the whiskers kept time to the masticating process, showering little grains of bichloride upon each particle of food. Soon afterward companions were horrified to see him tumble to the floor, his body doubled up in agony. Antidotes were given him, but of no avail, and the unconscious man was hurried to the hospital. There the stomach pump was used and the poison drawn from his system. Deutz rallied quickly from the experience to face the fact that as long as the beard remained with the grains of poison secreted in it there was a possibility that he might again eat its contents. So he has no whiskers now.

Another Indiana County Goes Dry. MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 24.-Morgan county voted under the local option law to-day and the result of the ballots show a dry victory by a majority of 10,556 Thirty-one precincts voted dry, five voted wet and one was a tie.

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JUDGE HINTS AT DISBARMENT

FOR EX-JUDGE HATCH OF THE APPELLATE BENCH AND RUBINO

They Said Justice Erlanger's Proposed Receivership for the Washington Life Was for the Benefit of the Receivers Supt. Hotchkiss Assumes Control.

Hepburn Russell's action against the Washington Life Insurance Company and the Pittsburg Life and Trust Company before Justice Erlanger in Part XIII. of the Supreme Court yesterday the Court called up Henry A. Rubino of counsel for the Pittsburg company and said that he would take steps to have Mr. Rubino and his associate, Judge Edward W. Hatch, punished by the Appel- those who went overboard included men, late Division for conduct unbecoming officers of the court in giving out the signed statement published in THE SUN on February 18. In this statement the attorneys declared that receivers were to be appointed by Justice Erlanger for the Washington Life Insurance Company for the benefit of the company.

There had been a two hour argument participated in by Alton B. Parker and William F. Sheehan for the insurance companies. State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss and Attorney-General O'Malley for that department and Mr. Russell and Herbert R. Limburg in behalf of the policyholders' complaint. Mr. Russell, who had agreed at the con-NO UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ference at Albany on Monday to withdraw his action if the State Superintendent of Insurance took hold of the Washington Life until the litigation is settled, had declared that he would not consent to the agreement that was offered yesterday and demanded that the State Superintendent be appointed the receiver.

Justice Erlanger said he would take the papers in the case. Then he turned to Mr. Rubino and said:

"Now, Mr. Rubino, I will say a few words to you Will you please stand?" The lawyer looked interested and arose to his feet.

"On February 17," continued Justice Erlanger, 'the Court had before it a very grave matter involving important questions. Hardly had the ink become dry on his opinion before there was published in only one paper in New York an article containing a statement in which it is charged that that statement was prepared by you and former Judge Hatch and signed by both of you and sent out for publication. Is that true?"

"Is what true?" asked Mr. Rubino. "Whether you prepared that statemen and signed it?" said the Court.

"Judge Hatch and I did prepare that tatement and signed it, replied Mr. Rubino.

"You realize of course." said the Court that it would have been an act of great rashness if you had made a statement in the presence of the Court to the effect that he was influenced solely in appointfriend who has some views on the pure CHURCH TO RUN A THEATRE. ing receivers by a purpose to give the receivers a job. Had such a remark been ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—One of the largest and that summary punishment would tion. It was -the article, the statement unprofessional, and in the Court's view seems that but one punishment should follow, and that is the severest which the law has provided, disbarment.

"You realized when you prepared your statement and when you caused defamation to be spread that the Court was helpless and that the dignity of its Curdy of Graham Bell's Aerial Experiposition would not permit it to enter into ment Association eclipsed all records any newspaper controversy with you or of the association in ideal weather conany other controversy. So believing that ditions to-day by flying four and one-half summary punishment could not follow,

"I shall await the return of Judge Hatch an opportunity to appear before me im- cramped for room and shut off power "I should not for a moment deny that in mediately upon his return. I will then to avoid running into trees. He landed some instances the present day theatrical at that time give him leave to appear, he appear here and at that time the matter

"I shall tell him, sir," said Mr. Rubino. The prospect that a former Justice of Court was to face disbarment proceedings made the corridors of the court house buzz with excitement. After consulting with his associates Mr. Rubino said that until the return of Judge Hatch in about a week he would have no state ment to make.

Supt. Hotchkiss told the Court that by agreement of the two companies he had been put in control of the Washington Life, which was a solvent concern, and he suggested that such settlement of the order as should be made should omit any words creating receivers of a solvent company now in the hands of a State officer.

Supt. Hotchkiss took control of the assets of the Washington Life at noon yesterday. By the agreement signed resterday the Superintendent is absolved from all liability in case any of the assets are damaged by fire or flood or are stolen. although in the case of malfeasance the department will be held liable. agreement is to terminate and the status of the insurance companies to be restored either when a court of final jurisdiction determines the validity of the contract of reinsurance, when the Pittsburg Life and Trust Company is admitted to do business in this State and the reinsurance is approved by the Superintendent, o when the Pittsburg Life puts the Washington Life back into the condition it the Wright brothers offered their aerowas in when the merger was effected last plane to the War Office before they began December. The agreement binds the successors of the present Superintendent

Miss Hall to Marry the Rev. Hugh Birckhead.

Mrs. David Prescott Hall of Boston he nnounced the engagement of her daughter. Miss Caroline Minturn Hall, to the Rev. Hugh Birckhead of St. George's Church, New York. Miss Hall is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER

GANGPLANK SLIPS: 14 DROWN.

Attendants on Kaiserin Auguste Victoria and Dock Hands Lost at Hamburg.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. HAMBURG, Feb. 24.-As the work of disembarking cargo and taking on supplies was in progress to-day on the Hamburg-American steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, due to sail next Saturday for New York, a gangplank slipped and thirty men fell into the water.

At the close of a hearing in William Fourteen of them got under the ice and were drowned. The others were rescued. The dead were stewards and stewardesses on the ship and dock laborers, all

employees of the company. The ship arrived here on the 16th and discharged all her passengers at once. LONDON, Feb. 24.-The Hamburg correspondent of the Daily News says that women and children. Several of those who were rescued were injured.

LOST \$25,000 NECKLACE. Miss Jennie Crocker Misses It After Mrs.

C. P. Alexander's Ball. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.-At a mardi for the benefit of the receivers and not gras ball given by Mrs. C. P. Alexander of New York last night at the St. Francis Hotel, Miss Jennie Crocker, her niece, lost a \$25,000 pearl necklace, which was

a family heirloom The ball was limited to 402 guests, supposed to represent San Francisco's "Four Hundred.

Miss Jennie Crocker, only daughter of the late Col. Fred Crocker of the Southern Pacific, who has property in her own right worth \$10,000,000, owned the pearl necklace which she wore at her aunt's

Miss Crocker left the ballroom and went to her own room at the St. Francis and on arriving there found that her necklace was gone. Detectives have been at work since trying to unravel the mystery, but they have been unable to solve it.

BRYAN GOING ON THE STAGE? Story That He Will Write a Novel,

Dramatize It, and Then Act It. Mission, Tex., Feb. 24.-William Jennings Bryan, who recently bought a tract of land near here, is arranging to build a fine home thereon.

He has written to John J. Conway, of Mission, from whom he bought the land, that he will retire from the lecture platform for a year and spend that time on his farm here writing a novel. He will also dramatize the novel and put it on the stage. Mr. Bryan says that he will probably

be in the cast of his proposed play. BETTER SERVICE TO BROOKLYN.

Sending All Express Subway Trains Through Works Well. The new plan of running all expr trains on the subway to the Flatbush avenue terminus in Brooklyn, and of putting in a shuttle service between the Bowling Green station and South Ferry

was adopted yesterday. The change was recommended by Bion J. Arnold, the Public Service Commission's consulting engineer, and the commission said last up of two, three, four and five room night that it had materially made in open court you also realize that the crowded condition of the trains to four big buildings are to house from \$50 it would have been a criminal contempt Brooklyn. The service to Brooklyn has to 375 families. They are six stories high. been increased fully 25 per cent., they say, Instead of that, and the loading of the trains has smarting, perhaps, from the pain of much better equalized. During the rush defeat, you repaired to the privacy of hours yesterday the company succeeded your office and there spread your defama- in running trains from Brooklyn at one minute and forty-five seconds intervals. mendacious and in the highest degree Previously the headway has been more than two minutes.

> M'CURDY HAS LONG FLIGHT. Covers 4 1-2 Miles in Bell Aerodro Slight Accident at the End.

BADDECK, N. S., Feb. 24.-Douglas Mc miles at an elevation of fifty feet above

the ice. McCurdy had full control of the machin with slight damage, which will be repaired part of the cord struts.

The best previous work by the Aerial Experiment Association was when Curtiss flew over a measured kilometer in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Lieutenant Selfridge's Red Wing and won the Scientific American's prize.

> 30 DAYS FOR COLLEGE BOY Louis J. Henes Sentenced in New Haven

for Auto Speeding-Takes Appeal. NEW HAVEN, Feb. 24.-Louis J. Henes, Sheffield senior, was sentenced to-day to thirty days in jail on the charge reckless auto driving in the city. His

home is in New York. He was also fined \$5 and the cost of the court for not having in his possession at the time of his arrest a certificate showing

authority to operate the car. The testimony of the policemen that the student dashed between two trolley cars at a junction point.

Judge Mathewson in deciding the case said that recklessness like that displayed by Henes must be stopped in this city. Henes declared that he had perfect control of his car and was not speeding. He of building known in Vienna as the Durchgave \$300 bonds in an appeal to a higher haus. In each corner of the court there

British War Office Proposed Foolish Test and Lost Its Opportunity.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Daily News prints a story which it says is current in the Aldershot district to the effect that their public trials.

fitness for military work. They were no darkness, no places for dirt to accuasked to fly to a specified point where there was a small detached camp, reconnoitre and return and report the number and disposition of the troops.

This was refused on the ground that they lacked the necessary technical military knowledge, and the War Office lost its chance of buying the aeroplane.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES IN TOWN

PRICE TWO GENTS.

MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT PUTS A MILLION INTO DWELLINGS.

e Be Built as Model Tenement House With Roof Gardens and Sleeping Balcontes-She Has Been Nursing the Slok Herself and Gave the Presbyterian Hospital Its Fresh Air Ward.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., has embarked upon a model tenement enterprise here in New York quite different from any of the other improved tenement building schemes with which the city has been made familiar. Mr. Vanderbilt shares his wife's interest in the new project, and work has already been begun. Briefly stated, the enterprise is the establishment in the form of tenement houses of a healthful home for city sufferers from tuberculosis.

It represents an investment of \$1,000,-000, and the contractors who have already begun the work of clearing the land for the new building do not know. until they read this morning's papers, the name of their employer. In fact they have been a little dubious about their job, in view of its magnitude, and have made uneasy inquiries of the architect who engaged them as to the responsibility (financial) of their real patron. whose name until to-day the architect has not been at liberty to make known.

The enterprise, while having for its object the supplying of hygienic homes for sufferers from tuberculosis, comprehends besides the opening of the way for a new housing system in the tenement sections of the city. While there is distinctly an element of the philanthropic in its initiation, it is also a business proposition which the prime movers believe will commend itself so widely to builders and to the public authorities that in due season it may transform the

tenement building system of the town. The plan was announced with Mrs. Vanderbilt's authority yesterday by Dr. Henry L. Shively of the Vanderbilt clinic of the Presbyterian Hospital and Architect Henry Atterbury Smith, who have the work in charge.

Dr. Shively has purchased for Mrs. Vanderbilt eighteen city lots extending from Seventy-seventh street to Seventyeighth between Avenues A and B. with a frontage of 225 feet and lying between the playground of Public School 158 on theswest and John Jay Park on the east. On this plot four buildings are to be erected, to be known as the Shively Sanitary Tenements, after Mr. Smith's designs. They are to be built on a new pattern, although the several ideas that go to make it up are not new. The novelty consists in the practical combination of them all in a form suited to give to sufferers from tuberculosis in their own homes the advantages of a sanitarium and to offer to healthy poor people the most healthful of living conditions in a big city. The buildings are to be made apartments, offered at low rentals, and the Dr. Shively said yesterday that Mrs. Vanderbilt had been not only interested in but actively engaged in the work of the Vanderbilt Clinic in tuberculosis cases for three or four years past, the work of nursing the patients in their homes. supplying extra diet, for instance milk

and eggs, and in the removal of sufferers o sanitary quarters. "She has actually accompanied our nurses regularly for three or four afternoons a week." he said. "in their visits to patients in their homes and has given her personal attention to the question of housing the city poor and tuberculosis

cases. The fresh air ward on the roof of the Presbyterian Hospital was given by her and the doctor said that it had been of incalculable use.

"It seems illogical," said he, "to take patients from their unhygienic homes for a brief period to house them in the best of sanitary surroundings and then to return them to their old conditions. The tuberculosis problem, then, reduces itself in the last analysis to a home problem. This sanitary tenement idea has been developed through a recognition of this fact. Mr. Smith and I have devised a unique departure which has been made possible of accomplishment by Mrs.

Vanderbilt. "It exhibits four principal features The first to which I want to call attention is the open outside staircase, which does away with the dark and dusty common hall and its awful menace as a disease breeder and spreader. These new buildings every occupant will enter through a great arch leading to an open court, and he will enter his own home directly from outdoors. The big arch will be broad and two stories high. The open court is open all the way to the top of the build-

Opposite the entrance arch, at the other side of the court, another similar archway gives access to the court from the other street, so that there is a direct passageway, for example, all the way from Seventy-seventh street to Seventyeighth street, through these archways and across the court, after the manner is to be an open, outdoor staircase-four to a building-and every apartment will REJECTED WRIGHT AEROPLANE. open directly onto one of these stairways. The stairways will lead all the way to the roof.

"It is a type of staircase common in some southern countries, but we believe our adaptation of it to be new here. And when people come to recognize the truth that New York's climate is semi-tropical the fitness of this type of stair for New York tenement buildings will be recog-They undertook to demonstrate its nized. There will be no common halls, mulate. The stairways being fireproof and out of doors no fire escapes on the front of the buildings will be necessary. and we have a better use for the space which they ordinarily take up.

"The second point is the utilization of the roofs, an idea now carried out on the roofs of some of the hospitals and at such a day camp as the old ferryboat DEWEY'S "BRUT CUVEE" CHAMPAGNE
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